

Proclamation *Presented*

In Recognition of United States Flag Day

WHEREAS, United States Flag Day reminds us that the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag originated on Columbus Day, 1893, and the United States Congress passed a joint resolution on August 3, 1949, to designate June 14 of each year as "Flag Day"; and

WHEREAS, United States Flag Day highlights that on August 21, 1952, the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus adopted a resolution that was sent to the President of the United States for his consideration to add the phrase "Under God" into the pledge, and President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a joint congressional resolution adopting this amendment into law on Flag Day, June 14, 1954 adding the phrase, "Under God" to the pledge; and

WHEREAS, United States Flag Day underlines that President Eisenhower sent a message on August 20, 1953 to Luke E. Hart, Supreme Knight, in recognition of the initiative of the Knights of Columbus in originating and sponsoring the amendment to the Pledge of Allegiance, writing that "These words will remind Americans that despite our great physical strength we must remain humble"; and

WHEREAS, United States Flag Day recognizes that in August 1954, the Illinois American Legion Convention adopted a resolution whereby recognition was given to the Knights of Columbus as having initiated, sponsored and brought about the amendment to the Pledge of Allegiance; and


WHEREAS, United States Flag Day emphasizes that all Hawai'i members of the Knights of Columbus take time today to recognize the value of their efforts and join other Hawai'i residents in honoring the value of all peoples;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim June 14, 2014, as

"FLAG DAY"

in Hawai'i, and ask all citizens of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the United States flag for its value as the banner that unites us in our pursuit of the American dream and a better quality of life for all, and a symbol that has strengthened Americans fighting for freedom for many generations.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twelfth day of June, 2014.


NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i


SHAN S. TSUTSUI
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i